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E. and I had lunch today at the Fourcades' in their fine apartment on the Avenue du Bois. Jacques is an avowed candidate for the presidency but does not rank [redacted] high in the present betting. Monsieur Pinay was the other guest. Pinay was as always extremely amiable and much pleased with his recent trip to the United States which, he said, he wanted to tell me about in fuller detail on another occasion.

I had noticed some months ago at Doucet's, the antique shop on Place Beauveau, some of the paintings of a young Italian named Tagliaferri and had spoken favorably of them to Monsieur Doucet. This morning he sent Tagliaferri around to see me. He had just arrived in Paris and was to be here for a month. As I must furnish a portrait to the Embassy, I commissioned him to do one of me and he is to start on Wednesday. His price is 150,000 francs.

Tonight Edwina d'Erlanger, the Chambers and the Slaters came to dinner with us. Edwina said her beautiful mother-in-law, who lives in Tunis, is still alive and is actually staying at the Ritz in Paris. She reminded me of what I had forgotten, that Baccouche, the Tunisian Prime Minister, is the individual whom I met some years ago at Madame d'Erlanger's house and who sent as a present to me in Paris afterwards a beautiful woolen cloak.

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